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In re Application of:)
Takatoshi YAMASHITA) Group Art Unit: 2881
Serial No.: 09/773,664) Examiner: Not Assigned
Filed: February 2, 2001)
For: ION SOURCE AND)
OPERATION METHOD)
THEREOF)
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents, including any co-pending applications are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

Each document listed in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from the British Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, and this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within

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three months of the mailing date of that communication. A copy of an English language version of the Search Report from the British Patent Office citing three references and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed. However, JP 110339674A cited therein was previously submitted in an IDS filed on February 2, 2001, and therefore is not submitted herewith.

The British Search Report is not a reference, and Applicant does not necessarily subscribe to any of the statements contained therein.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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